

the words, "What must I do to be saved." Had a good spiritual meeting. On Wednesday, the 28, started home, leaving Wise and Shope holding the fort. Brother Shope is stationed at McVeytown by the Mission Board and has lots of hard work before him. Hope he may be abundantly able for the work. I know him to be a good, energetic brother and worthy of the confidence of all his brethren.

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East Northfield, Mass.

It affords me great pleasure to write to you experimentally of this place and of the things taught here. By your permission I will briefly describe the place and sketch the work.

#### THE PLACE.

Northfield is an old town of some thousand inhabitants, situated on one of the many beautiful granite hills that are so abundant in this state. On the western limits of the town flows the Connecticut river, wending its way through the historic Connecticut valley. One mile south is the Mt. Hermon Institute for boys, a large tract of land, for practical farming purposes, and all necessary buildings used in educational institutes. East Northfield is only an extension of the town proper and is very modern. Here are the seminary buildings, the home of D. L. Moody, and other leaders in religious thought. It is a place of magnificent distances, magnificently conceived and carried out. The whole grounds are kept like a lawn. Every convenience is available. The buildings are massive and modern in convenience. It is an ideal mountain resort with all the city conveniences laid at your feet. The air is always cool and bracing. The food is exceptionally well cooked, seasoned and served. Consequently I am getting fleshy. The society is of the best, and brilliant minds and consecrated hearts are room mates, table companions, contestants in games, rambles together, students of the same theme and expounders of and listeners to the Holy Word. My brother it is simply a foretaste of the millennium to live in such a moral atmosphere, and with such spiritual beings. The confidence and trust displayed by all and seen everywhere and in all things is heavenly. Truly here is a place where "love thinketh no evil," for it has provided no safeguards. Everything is done with the utmost decency and in order and things are provided honest in the sight of all men, but suspicion is found nowhere.

#### THE TEACHING.

The Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible is the sum and substance

of every address, whether in the auditorium or in the open air. The great central truth constantly presented is how to get more of Christ and less of self into all that we are and do. God's messengers are here from almost every land, pointing out new beauties of himself in Christ, through His holy word. Under the power of the Holy Spirit one begins to realize that in Christ is all fullness and that out of Christ is all emptiness and the one thing to be sought and receive is not a blessing but the blessing. Enoch walked with God and God took him; Jacob wrestled with Him for a blessing, let Him go and was lame ever after. Christ in you is the only hope of glory.

To me Northfield is a Bethel. I can truly say, this is none other than the house of God, the gateway to heaven. My experience is the experience of nine-tenths who come here. There is no whirlwind of eloquence, no earthquake of words, no burning bush of feeling, but the still small voice of God to the conscience. To those who have never been here one can say truly of it that eye hath not seen nor ear heard neither hath it entered into the heart of man the things that God hath prepared for them that love him, but God hath revealed it by the spirit. As I can neither eat nor drink for another so I cannot benefit him of this place except to describe its mighty workings. Method is not sought but but power to push the method. The fact is revealed that the church today is not doing the "first works" because, with the fires almost out under the boilers for lack of firemen, and the extra machinery put in, there is scarcely enough power to whistle and run the machinery. God can't find any one who wants to be fireman; they all want to superintend some department of the work. We are invited to inspect the modern mechanism, as it slowly turns on its un-oiled shafts, but the works it is designed to do and should do, are never done for want of power. O, God Almighty, endue each of us who read, and all thy children everywhere, with that power from on high that changed Peter from a lying deserter to lead a charge against the hosts of sin and kept him in rank and step with thy Son ever after.

Today there have been meetings every hour from six o'clock to ten at night. About twenty-five hundred people were in attendance. The songs of praises roll upward from three and four places at once as I write, and I almost have to doubt my being in the body. Brethren, what I have and am enjoying here is too great and glorious to be conveyed or defined by words.

ZED H. COPP.

Program Kanemorado Convention,  
To be held at Falls City, Neb., Sept. 8-12.

WEDNESDAY EVE., SEPT. 8.

Devotional service, M. Lichty.  
Appointment of committees.  
Song service.  
Annual sermon, J. R. Keller.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Devotional services, A. Showalter.  
Business organization.  
How may we Build up and Strengthen the Weak Churches in the District? A. J. Hixon.  
Song service.  
How can we Secure more Zealous Work in the Local Churches? E. L. Yoder.  
Query box.  
Adjournment.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotional service, A. J. Hixon.  
Organization of the Local Church, A. J. Hixon.  
What a Prayer Meeting should be, Michael Lichty.  
Blackboard Drill, J. R. Keller.  
Queries.  
Adjournment.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Devotional service, H. M. Lichty.  
Song service.  
Sermon, A. J. Hixon.  
Social handshake conducted by J. H. Burnworth.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Devotional service, S. W. Metzger.  
Parochial reports.  
What Five Things do you Expect of Your Pastor? Samuel Kimmell, Samuel Lichty, S. W. Metzger, H. M. Lichty, Levi Wallace.  
What Five Things Should Pastors Expect of the Laity? A. Brubaker, J. H. Burnworth, C. Forney, J. R. Kimmell, A. J. Hixon.  
What Further can we do for the College Debt? John Lichty.  
Supporting our own Publications, Ora Brown.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

S. S. C. E. Session.

Devotional, Mrs. D. B. Zook.  
Reports from societies.  
Has the S. S. C. E. a Place in the Church? Mrs. Ella Showalter.  
Our Aims, Our Objects, Our Hopes, Miss Susie Friend.  
How to Secure the Co operation of all the Sisters in Our Local Organizations? Mrs. D. B. Zook, Mrs. U. M. Saylor.  
Systematic Giving, Samuel Lighty.  
Queries.